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LIQUID CRYSTAL DISPLAY APPARATUS

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STATEMENT FILED PURSUANT TO THE DUTY OF  
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Sir:

Pursuant to the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §§1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, the  
Applicant requests consideration of this Information Disclosure Statement.

PART I: Compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97

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PART II: Information Cited

The Applicant hereby makes of record in the above-identified application the  
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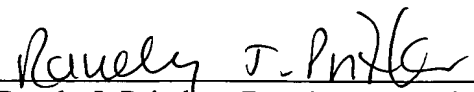
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An early and favorable action is hereby requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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